

Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

MEETING NOTES

Date: June 23, 2009

Members Nick Browse Bruce Leicher, Chair
Present: Tom Gormley Jeff Ritter
Bill Johnson Liz Swain

A quorum being present, the meeting was called order by Mr. Leicher at 7:45PM.

Minutes & General Business

1. Minutes of the meeting of May 26 were reviewed and approved.
2. Ms. Swain has been sworn in by the Town and is now formally a member of the Committee.

Treasurer's Report - Mr. Johnson

1. Mr. Johnson reported the following fund balances:
\$ 0. Annual committee budget account (initial balance \$33,500)
\$173,717.81 CPA account (for stormwater management project; initial
balance \$179,000)

Town Center Storm Water Treatment Project

1. The second round grant request for the project has been submitted. We expect DEP to meet July 15 and make a recommendation to the EPA on our request.
2. Mr. Browse summarized the status of the design work at the various sites, and noted that market conditions are causing us to consider starting the work this fall. Mr. Johnson & Mr. Ritter agreed to work together on the Notice of Intent to the Conservation Commission.
3. Mr. Browse agreed to contact Rich Nota to ensure he has all he needs from Horsley Witten to be able to issue bids.
4. Mr. Gormley presented a draft communications plan. We want to present this as a project that benefits the watershed as a whole, and we should have a series of talking points that addresses this. Immediate needs are for a project summary and list of Frequently Asked Questions.

Other Business

1. We need to do pond water and weed sampling this fall; Mr. Gormley agreed to contact Wendy Gendron at ENSR who has done this work in the past. The expected value of the work is under \$5,000 and so competitive bid is not required. We will also ask her help in training us to do the sampling, which should reduce cost and make the sampling more responsive to rain events.
2. Mr. Leicher is doing the turtle and fish counts. Mr. Ritter has done two frog counts. Mr. Leicher will write the report, and needs data by mid-July.
3. Mr. Leicher agreed to write the Committee annual report.
4. The pump is reported to be running again, and has been programmed to run briefly each Sunday at 1:00PM. Mr. Browse agreed to confirm this. Work still planned for the pump is to insulate the building and to install the new depth sensor.
5. Mr. Johnson proposed a pumped drawdown this fall to the 6' level. We have in the past done 5'-6". It was agreed to target the 6' level this year, with a pause at 5' to check the mussel population. We also agreed to continue our coordination with the rowing club on the scheduling.
6. Ms. Swain discussed the recent weed pull which worked at the Clapps Brook area. The next weed pull is scheduled for July 13th.
7. No action has been taken on the drafting of a Pond Overlay zoning district.
8. Mr. Browse agreed to contact Jim Lee of park & Rec about a hose cock at the beach house. We agreed to pay the cost of a plumber to do the work.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM.



Nicholas Browse

July 12, 2009